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GUEST EDITORIAL

by Neil T. Austin - Sacramento

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WHY NOT A NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHESS ASSOCIATION?

Chess activity in Northern California has greatly increased since the war. New clubs have sprung up and old ones have obtained a new lease on life. The Redwood Empire League has successfully completed its first season, while the Bay Area and Central California leagues will get under way this Fall. The North co-captains, Guthrie McClain and Wade Hendricks, have twice succeeded in getting more than fifty players to Atascadero for the annual North-South match. The North team, which previously had been mainly composed of Oakland and San Francisco players, has now expanded so that it is representative of the whole section. We have been represented in the U.S. Championship by Mr. A. J. Fink, and are fortunate in having a renowned master make his headquarters in Santa Rosa. Certainly, these are tremendous strides in comparison to the slow pace of Northern California Chess in the pre-war days.

However, there are at least two things still lacking. First, we do not have adequate newspaper coverage of our various events, and second, we lack an organization to coordinate the activities of the various clubs and leagues. There are others better qualified to discuss means of obtaining the first point, but the writer wishes to point out some advantages to be gained from a Northern California Chess Association.

The New Deal in the State Chess Association is certainly worthy of support, but California Chess will always have a geographical problem confronting it, when attempting to organize on a statewide basis. Chess in this state will naturally revolve around Los Angeles and San Francisco, which are nearly 400 miles apart. With the possible exception of Fresno and Atascadero, there are no clubs which have more than rare contacts with both of these centers. The problem of coordinating chess in the North and South differs only in degree from that of coordinating chess in California and New York.

The SouthernCalifornia Association has been functioning successfully for several years. With a similar body in the North, the State Association could confine itself to matters of policy, and sponsoring a bona fide State Championship and the Annual North-South match.

In addition, there are benefits to be derived by Northern California. A greater opportunity for organized play among the various leagues, clubs, and players would result. Also, such an organization would facilitate the formation of the team for the Atascadero match, which is becoming more of a task than one or two men can reasonably be expected to perform alone.

POSTAL CHESS GAMES

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Salutations and welcome, Postal Players! It was something of a temptationto begin with "Greetings, Postal players," after the manner of radio posts. However, we thought better of it, inasmuch as some of you younger ones will be receiving soon the Greetings to end all Greetings!

Below you will find entries and ratings listed. Morewill be published in the next issue. When the regular postal chess entries are taken care of, we will have two special events. One of particular interest and exclusively for High School students and undergraduates and the other open to all, regardless of age or playing strength.

Before we can walk, we must crawl and we must walk before we can run. So, let us have your entries promptly.

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California Chess News contributor writes from INDIA! Bombay, India by S. N. Tavaria - "Here in Bombay we held a tournament. We had 75 entries. The competition was great. Two players tied for the first place and four players tied for the third place. The first prize was a beautiful mahogany miniature table. Top, one foot square. The top was of solid silver. The face was a chess board having gold and silver squares. On it were seven pieces - a beautiful chess problem. Over and above this the winner received 101 rupees. When the prizes were distributed, a party was given to the top twenty players. A cake about 1½' square and 5" high, of delicious mixture had an icing top of sugar and chocolate as a chess board and had icing set of chessmen. The winners who tied for the first place played a game and drew. Opening R. Lopez. Here, we are becoming more and more chess minded."

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A few excerpts of letters to the Editor:

From Harry B. Corlett, Berkeley
"I extend my congratulations to you for giving chess a shot in the arm and especially for your interesting CALIFORNIA CHESS NEWS."

From E. M. Neubert, Graeagle, Calif.
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From N. E. Pengelly, New Westminster, B. C. Canada. "Your publication was found to be very intesting and for which many thanks."

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"I am enjoying my subscription to the News very much."

From Jim Cross, Glendale, Calif.
"The tenth issue of CALIFORNIA CHESS NEWS was really swell! It is improving by leaps and bounds. The addition of a postal chess tournament willundoubtedly increase interest (and subscriptions, too) in the mag."

From William Stockel, Los Angeles.
"I am in receipt of your publication and needless to add I was extremely pleased with the contents contained therein."

From Warren Newcombe, Los Angeles, Cal.
"Fine chess paper you are getting out."

We could go on and on telling you about the encouraging comments we have received. Our aim is to be a printed magazine (and it won't be long now) but to that end we need your support. Get your friends to subscribe to CALIFORNIA CHESS NEWS!

EXCLUSIVE!

CALIFORNIA CHESS NEWS is happy to present a series of articles by ABE YANOFSKY, champion of Canada, who has just returned home from Europe.

MASTERS OF TODAY

By: Abe Yanofsky

Article I

Hungary's outstanding master, Laszlo Szabo, is a familiar name in the chess world today. Besides winning the Hungarian championship, he hasscored much success in European tournaments, his latest triumphs being the winning of the 1947-48 Hastings tournament and placing second in the Stockholm Tournament August 1948.

His clever and combinative skill is amply demonstrated in the following brilliancy, which will go down in chess history as another gem of immortal chess.

White: L. Szabo Black: Muehring

Two Knight's Defence

1. P-K4 P-K4
2. N-KB3 N-QB3
3. B-B4

More in vogue today is 3.B-N5 leading into the powerful Ruy Lopez whose strength has been proven time and again.

3. ... N-B3

Wisely avoiding 3....B-B4 4.P-QN4!? the dangerous Evan's Gambit, whose policy of sacrificing a pawn for quick development and attacking possibilities has never definitely been refuted.

4. P-Q4

The alternative is 4.N-N5, when there could follow 4....P-Q4; 5.PxP,N-QR4; 6.B-N5ch, P-B3; 7.PxP, PxP; 8.B-R4 with a slight edge to white.

4. ... PxP
5. 0-0 NxP

Risky would be 5...B-B4 transposing into a dangerous line of the Max Lange

6. R-K1 P-Q4
7. BxP QxB
8. N-QB3 Q-KR4?

Not the best. To berecommended is 8... Q-QR4; 9.NxN, B-K3 with equality. This inexactitude allows Szabo to adroitly exploit Black's awkward position.

9. NxN B-K3
10. B-N5!

If Black is allowed to castle, then his difficulties are over!

10. ... P-KR3
11. B-B6!

Now the misplacement of Black's queen becomes evident as 11...PxB loses the Queen.

11. ... Q-Q4

A good try would be 11...B-K2;12.BxNP, R-KN1;13.N-B6ch,BxN; 14.BxB,Q-N3! with excellent counterchances. The way Muehring shifts his Queen around from now on indicates that he has no definite plan of procedure against the oncoming avalanche foretelling his doom!

12. P-B3 P-Q6
13. N-Q4 NxN
14. PxN! Q-QR4
15. QxP B-QN5
16. P-Q5!!

The onslaught now begins.

16. ... QxP(Q4)
17. Q-KN3!

Black must not castle into safety at any cost.

17. ... BxR
18. RxB Q-QR4

The Queen is still chasing her shadow!

19. B-B3 Q-Q4
20. QxBP

To Prevent once and for all 20...0-0-0 and peimanent safety.

20. ... R-Q1

If 20. ...0-0; there could follow 21. Q-N3, P-B3; 22.NxPch, RxN; 23.BxR winning.

21. B-N4 R-Q2
22. Q-N3! P-B3
23. Q-N8ch K-B2

Setting an imaginary trap for white's queen. However, the game is now gone anyway, so what can he lose,

24. QxR R-Q1
25. Q-R7 B-B4
26. N-N5ch! Resigns

Mate cannot be avoided any longer.

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Watch for the second article by Yanofsky next month!

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INTERNATIONAL

THE STOCKHOLM TOURNAMENT!

The second elimination tournament for the championship of the world (the first was the tournaments in the four zones) has just finished, after a month of difficult battling. Szabo, who was leading up to the seventeenth round, drew against Stotz in the eighteenth round, but lost to Lundin in the final round and thus managed to lose first place to the young Russian master, Bronstein. The final standings were as follows:

1. D. Bronstein (U.S.S.R) 13½; 2. L. Szabo (Hungary) 12½; 3. L. Boleslavsky (U.S.S.R) 12; 4. A. Kotov (U.S.S.R) 11½; 5. A. Lilienthal (U.S.S.R.) 11; 6.-9 I. Bondarevsky (U.S.S.R); S. Flohr (U.S.S.R); M. Najdorf (Argentina); G. Stahlberg (Sweden) 10½ each; 10. P. Trifunovic (Yugo) 10; 11-13 E. Book (Finland); S. Gligoric (Yugo); V. Pirc (Yugo) 9½ each; 14-15 V. Ragosin (U.S.S.R); D. Yanofsky (Canada) 8½ each; 16. S. Tartakower (France) 8; 17. L. Pachman (Czecho) 7½; 18. G. Stoltz (Sweden) 6½; 19. L. Steiner (Australia) 5½; 20. E. Lundin (Sweden) 4½.

190 games were played. White won 49, Black 34 and 107 games were drawn! On 20 games of the 11th and 17th round, 16 were drawn. The most combative round was the 14th, in which 8 games won. The third elimination tournament for the World Championship, which will bring forth the challenger of Botvinnik, will comprise the following players: Smyslov, Keres, Bronstein, Boleslavsky, Kotov, Lilienthal (U.S.S.R) Reshevsky, Fine (U.S.A.) Szabo (Hungary) Euwe (Holland).

White: Bronstein Black: Lundin (8th rd)
Irregular Defense

1. P-Q4	N-KB3	18.Q-B2	KR-N1
2. P-QB4	P-QB4	19.N-Q2	R6-N2
3. P-Q5	P-Q3	20.N-B4	Q-R3
4. N-QB3	P-KN3	21.Q-R4!	QxQ
5. P-K4	P-QN4!?(a)	22.NxQ	N-N4(d)
6. PxP	B-KN2	23.P-QN4!	N-Q5(e)
7. B-K2	P-QR3	24.K-B1!	B-N2(f)
8. N-B3	0-0	25.B-K3	R-R1
9. PxP	BxP	26.PxP!(g)	RxR
10. RxB	NxB	27.RxR	PxP
11. 0-0	N-Q2	28.N(r4)-N6	R-N1
12. B-KN5	R-QN1	29.P-QR4	NxN
13. Q-Q2	R-K1(b)	30.RxN	RxR
14. QR-N1	Q-R4	31.NxR	N-N6(h)
15. KR-B1	N-B2	32.K-K2	B-B6
16. B-KR6	B-B3 (c)	33.K-Q3	B-R4
17. P-QR3	R-N6	34.K-B4	Resigns

(a) Black gives away this pawn for the purpose of opening up for himself QR and QN files and hopes to exert pressure upon White's Q-side by posting KB at KN2. This idea is interesting but its correctness is open to question. White's position has no weakness and eventually the extra pawn will count.
(b) Relieving the black queen from an unpleasant duty of protecting the KP. With the next two moves, white strengthens his Q-side.
(c) Does not want to part with his bishop.
(d) Looks as if Black has a fair chance to regain the pawn through the throat R-R1 or R-R2. But white is ready for him with a neat combination.
(e) Threatening N-K7ch and pinning the QNP. Probably black did not foresee white's "quiet" reply.
(f) Necessary, because of the mate threats on blacks first rank. If now 24...PxP; 25.N-R5, R-N4; 26.PxP.
(g) Nice combination! If black takes the knight, then 26...RxR; 27.RxR, BxN; 28.N-N6!!, NxN; 29.PxN, R-N1; 30.P-N7, R-N1; 31. P-QR4! and black is helpless; or 28...NxP; 29.NxR, NxN; 30.R-N8ch, B-B1; 31. B-KR6 and mate follows.
(h) Black tries to stop the QR pawn, but the white king decides the issue.
(Notes to this game by A. Konstanino-polski) Translated especially for C.C.N. by N. Russ.

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White: Lilienthal Black: Najdorf
Nimzowitch Defense (5th round)

1. P-Q4	N-KB3	14. PxPe.p.	P-K4
2. P-QB4	P-K3	15. PxP!	RxB
3. N-QB3	B-N5	16. NxR	PxN
4. P-QR3	BxNch	17. BxRPch!	KxB
5. PxB	P-B4	18. Q-R5ch	K-K1
6. P-K3	N-B3	19. QR-Q1	Q-B3
7. B-Q3	P-QN3	20. R-Q7ch	K-B1
8. N-K2	0-0	21. RxB	N-Q1
9. P-K4	N-K1	22. R-Q7	N-KB2
10. 0-0	P-Q3	23. Q-Q5	R-N1
11. P-K5!	PxKP	24. R-K1	P-B6
12. PxKP	B-N2	25. R-K3	Resigns
13. B-B4	P-KB4		

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CARL SCHLECHTER, COFFEE HOUSE TERROR

By Milton Finkelstein-New York

Carl Schlechter, one of the grand old men of the Emanuel Lasker era, has long been known by the nickname, "The Drawing Master." Like George Shainswit in the United States, Schlechter's career was full of opportunities for aggressive play which were discarded for safe variations which gained easy half-points. The result was a long series of second and third places in tournaments. One might almost say that Schlechter only won when the position insisted upon it!

Schlechter's caution deserted him whenever he entered one of Vienna's many coffee-houses. Games were always played for a stake, and no player could make an evening worthwhile unless he won quickly and frequently. Schlechter was a terror at the busy Cafe Korb, where he would give amazing financial odds. As his skittles ability increased, he found it more and more difficult to find opponents. However, some "Customers" persisted, and allowed Schlechter to produce such pretty gamelets as the one below, in which he demolished an attempt to defeat him with the Queen's Pawn Center Gambit. Of course, a little cooperation on White's part was necessary!!

White: Fahndrich Black: Schlechter
September 25, 1903

1.	P-Q4	P-Q4	6.	P-KB4	B-N5ch
2.	P-K4	PxP	7.	B-K2	O-O-O ch
3.	P-KB3	P-K4!	8.	K-K1	N-R3
4.	P(4)xP	QxQch	9.	B-K3	N-N5
5.	KxQ	N-QB3	10.	N-QR3	N-Q4
	With the Q's off the board, one might expect an early draw.		11.	B-QB1	B-N5ch
			12.	K-B2	P-K6ch
			13.	K-N3?	B-K8 mate!

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HELP DEVELOP CHESS IN VETERAN HOSPITALS

The following letter was received by the editor:

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"Dear Sir:

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CALIFORNIA CHESS NEWS will gladly cooperate in this worthwhile appeal. Contributions are most welcome.

SOME AMUSING CHESS INCIDENTS

By Ernest J. Clarke, M.I.C.C.
Dean of Pacific Coast Chess

This episode happened here in California at Graney's billiard parlor, Market St., San Francisco. I wrote it up for the Gambit, published by the Missouri Pacific of St. Louis; and it also appeared in the S. F. Chronicle chess column conducted by A. J. Fink, internationally famous Problem composer, and myself. But as it took place nearly 30 years ago, it will no doubt be new to most readers of C.C.N.

On a raised dais in an angle a chess table had been installed and by reason of daily attendance and perhaps because he probably owned the large chess pieces, the equipment was regarded as the special property of a long, black-bearded, eccentric, volatile, Civil War Veteran named J. Fennimore Welch. A fairly strong player, he usually defeated the brand of chess put up by billard players, and, at a dime a game, he "earned" six bits to a dollar or so a day. He was a hard loser. Now and then some of the stronger players of the M.I.C.C. would visit Graney's to watch and listen to Welch. He had a great "line". He claimed to have defeated all the famous masters. According to J. O. Chilton, Welch was a triptologist. One of his pet thrice-rendered phrases occurred when a weak opponent fell into one of his thinly-baited traps: "He rushed in where angels fear to tread-fear to tread-fear to tread!"

Once when Lawrence Rosenblatt of the M.I.C.C. had beaten Welch, the latter became so disagreeable (even through L.R. had waived collection of the dime!) that Lawrence conceived a scheme, the eventual denouement of which it was thought would considerably deflat the Welch ego. Rosenblatt hada printer strike off a script-letterhead, reading "The Balmoral Chess Club"; the date-line reading: Ukiah, Cal. (A purely fictitious organization.) A letter was written on this stationery, purporting to befrom the President of the Balmoral Chess Club, a supposed recent visitor from Ukiah to Graney's, who professed great admiration for Welch's chess play. The Balmoral Chess Club, the letter continued, would welcome a friendly match by telegraph against the S.F. master, the Balmoral players to consult.

SOME AMUSING CHESS INCIDENTS (Cont.)

Welch, highly flattered, showed the letter to some of the M.I. players, as expected, and at Welch's request the letter was answered and the match arranged. Came the big night, and an installed telegraphic sender was merrily clicking off purported messages from the Balmoral C.C. at Ukiah. But when J. J. Dolan (of the famous Dolan End Game), a M.I. Trustee, arrived, along with a score of M.I.C.C. members, invited by Lawrence Rosenblatt to witness the match, J.J., a one-time W.U. telegrapher, was quick to recognize the "phoney" clicking as non-professional. He waslet in on the true status and agreed to go along. The conspirators had "framed" a game - a Danish, giving White (Welch) a brilliant mate in 22 moves. A board of strategy sitting with Welch steered the game along the agreed lines by clever suggestion. An almost fatal disagreement, however, arose after the scheduled "book" moves: 1.P-K4, P-K4; 2. P-Q4, PxP; 3. P-QB3, PxP; 4.B-QB4, PxP; 5.BxNP B-N5ch; Here 6.K-B1! is very strong, and immediately "Balmoral's" move came "over the wire," Welch grabbed the King and moved it to B square. But the prearranged game called for interposing the N at B3 and the board replaced the K accordingly and interposedthe Knight. "No! By God!" exclaimed Welch, his eyes fairly blazing with maniacal fury and it was said he made a move as if to draw a huge Army pistol which he was known to carry. But he was finally persuaded and the game came to its preordained brilliant climax without further incident. After a few days, J. Fennimore received a fine basket of fruit from the Balmoral C.C. (in reality the gift of Lawrence R.). This was followed by bottles of wine, cigars, etc., from the same donor. It became apparent that to justify the hoax, the truth should never be revealed to Welch; and I am sure he went to join the masters in the Elysian Fields never the wiser.

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Variation VII

1.P-K4	P-Q4	6.N-QB3	B-QB4
2. PxP	N-KB3	7.B-K3	BxB
3.P-QB4	P-B3	8.PxB	Q-N3
4.PxP	NxP	9.Q-Q2	B-K3
5.P-Q3	P-K4!	10.P-K4	N-KN5!(a)

(a) Much better than Lasker's R-Q1. The annotations are not in M.C.O. andare from J. Mieses analysis.

Written especially for CALIFORNIA C.N.

FOR THE STUDENT

Center Counter Gambit

By: George Bishop, Guam

Variation I

1. P-K4	P-Q4	8.B-B6	N-N5
2. PxP	N-KB3(a)	9.BxR	N-Q6ch
3. B-N5ch(b)	QN-Q2	10.K-B1	B-R3(e)
4. P-QB4(c)	P-QR3	11.N-K2	QxB
5. B-R4?(d)	P-QN4	12.QN-B3	Q-R2
6. PxP	PxP	Resigned; Factor vs. Bishop; Radio 1930	
7. BxP	NxP		

(a) Tartakover calls this the "Center Counter Gambit".
(b) M.C.O. and all other authorities give 3...,B-Q2, 4.B-B4!
(c) Should the pawn not be playedto QB4 as in the text, Black may fianchetto the KB, castle, and easily win the pawn on Q4.
(d) BxN is best, followed by 5...QxB.
(e) Threatening to win the Queen on any square it may move to.

Variation II

1.P-K4, P-Q4; 2.PxP,N-KB3!; 3.P-Q4,QxP! (a); 4.N-QB3(b),Q-QR4; 5.B-K2(c),P-QB3.
(a) Not NxP which loses the center.
(b) Transposes into well known book lines, covered by Tartaover and Mieses analysis, and also the M.C.O.
(c) Best is 5.B-KB4!, P-B3!

Variation III

1. P-K4	P-Q4	6.N-QB3?(b)	B-QN5
2. PxP	N-KB3	7.Q-R4ch(c)	N-B3
3. P-Q4	QxP	8.P-Q5?	NxP!
4. P-QB4?(a)	Q-K5ch	Sargeant Vs.Jacobs	
5. B-K3	P-K4	London Champ.1905	

(a) Permitting Black to play P-K4.
(b) 6. N-KB3 is better.
(c) Premature attack.

Variation IV

1. P-K4, P-Q4; 2. PxP,N-KB3; 3.P-QB4, P-B3; 4.PxP,NxP; 5.N-KB3,P-K4.
Forever keeping the QP backward and holding the initiative to repay for the pawn.

Variation V

1. P-K4,P-Q4; 2.PxP,N-KB3; 3.P-QB4,P-B3; 4. PxP,P-K4; 5.PxP,BxP; 6.P-Q3!,B-B4
Might be considered.

Variation VI

1.P-K4,P-Q4;2.PxP,N-KB3;3.P-QB4,P-B3; 4.P-Q4,(Steinitz continuation)PxP; 5.N-QB3,N-B3;6.B-N5,P-K3;7.N-B3,B-K2; 8.B-Q3,0-0;9.0-0,PxP; 10.BxP,P-QN3;11. P-QR3,B-N2;12.Q-Q3,N-Q4;13.BxN,BxB;14. B-K4,P-B4. Alekhine vs.Richter. White won in a very long game due to his end game superior play.

(See next column for continuation)

Game from State Championship 1948
White: J. Cross Black: Bill Adams
Grunfeld Defense Notes by Jim Cross especially for Cal. Chess News

1.	P-Q4	N-KB3	22.	P-R3	Q-Q1
2.	P-QB4	P-KN3	23.	Q-B2	B-Q2
3.	N-QB3	P-Q4	24.	N-R6ch(h)	BxN
4.	N-B3	B-N2	25.	RxB	K-N2
5.	Q-N3	P-B3	26.	R-R5	P-B4
6.	PxP(a)	PxP(b)	27.	Q-B5	K-N3
7.	B-N5!	P-K3(c)	28.	B-K5(i)	P-N3
8.	R-B1	0-0	29.	R-R1!!	NxB(j)
9.	P-K3	N-B3	30.	QxN	P-N5
10.	B-K2	P-KR3	31.	Q-R2	K-B2
11.	B-R4	N-QR4	32.	Q-Q6(k)	K-N3
12.	Q-B2	B-Q2	33.	Q-R2	K-B2
13.	N-K5	R-B1	34.	Q-R7ch	K-K1
14.	Q-N1	P-KN4(d)	35.	Q-N6ch	K-K2
15.	B-N3	N-K5	36.	R-R7ch	K-Q3
16.	NxN	RxRch	37.	Q-N7!(l)	R-B3
17.	QxR	PxN	38.	Q-N5	R-B1
18.	P-KR4!(e)	B-K1	39.	Q-B4ch	K-B3
19.	PxP	PxP	40.	Q-K5	K-N2
20.	N-N4!(f)	N-B3	41.	B-N5	Resigns (m)
21.	K-B1(g)	Q-R4			

(a) Setting Black a difficult problem, for he must either give up the center with 6...NxP, or seriously weaken his pawn structure after 6...PxP; 7.B-N5!, P-K3.

(b) He decides to hold the center, but must now submit to a fatal weakening of his black squares. After the more usual 6...NxP, white often obtains a great advantage in space and mobility with an eventual P-K4. For these reasons, I do not consider the Grunfeld a satisfactory defense. In my game with LeCornu in the 1948 National Junior Championship, he played 6...NxP, and the game continued: 7.P-K4,N-N3;8.B-K3, QN-Q2;(better was 8... B-K3; 9.Q-B2, B-B5! to exchange black's futureless QB for white's strong KB, and also to clear some of the wood off the board. Exchanges usually favor the player who has the cramped game.) 9.R-Q1,Q-B2; 10.B-K2, 0-0;11.0-0,N-B3;12.P-KR3!,B-Q2; 13.P-QR4! (note the restricting effect of white's moves! Black's pieces have no play whatsoever, he is gradually suffocating to death.) 13...QR-Q1;14.P-R5,N-B1;15.Q-N4,P-KR3(a confession of his inability to do anything constructive. He can only mark time waiting for the end.) 16.N-K5,B-K1;17.N-Q3, N-Q2 (Black's position looks like a can of sardines.) 18.B-B4! (here comes the can opener!!) 18...P-K4 (if 18...N-Q3,19.P-K5, followed by 20.P-K6 winning a piece.) 19.PxP,NxP; 20.NxN, RxR; 21.RxR, BxN; 22.BxB,QxB; 23.QxP (white just took a big bite out of a sardine sandwich!) 23...N-K2;24.R-Q8,P-KN4;25.QxRP (another big bite!) 25...N-N3;26.P-R6,P-KB4;27. B-B4ch. Resigns. A very appetizing game!

(c) White now has two distinct advantages: 1. His roving QB enjoys greater freedom than Black's QB, which is buried alive by its own pawns. 2. Black's K-side pawn structure is splattered with holes (Q3, K2,K4, to name a few) and he is dangerously weak on the black squares. This weakness will become more apparent if Black's KB is exchanged.

(d) Unable to form a constructive plan, (white has no weaknesses.) black initiates a destructive one which only hastens the end. However, if black plays passively, white would continue to improve his position and eventually win either by taking advantage of the weak black squares on the Qside and the center, for example, by occupying the outpost at QB5 (N-QR4-B5) or by utilizing the black-squared weaknesses on the Kside perhaps with an eventual N-N4!

(e) Taking advantage of black's sore thumb at KN4 to effectively open the KR file for an assault against the black king. White reasons thus: Black will eventually have to play ...P-KB4 in order to protect his weak pawn on K5. This will seriously loosen his position on the Kside. Therefore, preparations for an all out attack on that sector are in order.

(f) Now N-R6ch will force the exchange of Black's KB, after which the weakness on the black squares will befatal. (see note c.)

(g) More precise than the immediate 21. N-R6ch, because after 21...PxN; 22.RxB, Q-R4ch; 23.K-B1, QxRP gives black counterplay.

(h) I had considered the sacrifice 24.QxP, P-B4; 25.Q-B2, PxN; 26.Q-R7ch,K-B2; but the continuation of the attack was too unclear, and with such a substantial advantage in position, there was no need to combine.

(i) White's strategy has been justified; he commands almost every black square in the black position. The end is now brought about by tactical means. Watch the white queen chase the black king around the black squares!

(j) If 29...PxQ; 30.B-R5ch,K-R2 or R3; 31.B-B7 discovered checkmate.

(k) Gaining time on the clock. (l)Threatening a murderous check at K5. (m) The future looks black for Black, so he throws in the towel.

MORE PACIFIC COAST GAMES!

Games from 1948 California Championship

Round 5. White: N. Falconer
Black: G. Croy French Def.

1.	P-K4	P-K3
2.	P-Q4	P-Q4
3.	N-QB3	B-N5
4.	P-K5	P-QB4
5.	P-QR3	BxNch
6.	PxB	Q-B2
7.	N-B3	N-B3(Q)
8.	P-KR4	KN-K2
9.	P-R5	P-KR3
10.	B-Q3	B-Q2
11.	K-B1	P-B5
12.	B-K2	0-0-0
13.	P-R4	P-KB3
14.	B-R3	PxP
15.	PxP	Q-R4
16.	Q-K1	KR-B1
17.	N-Q4	R-B2
18.	N-N5	N-B4
19.	B-KN4	P-QR3
20.	BxN	PxN
21.	B-N6	R-B5
22.	PxP	QxNP
23.	B-Q6	B-K1
24.	Q-K3	R-N5
25.	Q-R3	Q-N7
26.	R-R8ch	K-Q2
27.	RxRch	KxR
28.	QxR	BxB
29.	Q-R4ch	K-B1
30.	PxB	Q-B8ch
31.	K-K2	QxPch
32.	K-B3	QxBPch
33.	K-B4	N-Q5
34.	Q-K7	N-K7ch
35.	K-N4	Q-Q5ch
36.	K-R3	Q-Q6ch
37.	K-R2	Resigns

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Round 3 White: Chambers
Black: Neilson
Italian Opening

1.	P-K4	P-K4
2.	N-QB3	B-B4
3.	B-B4	P-Q3
4.	P-Q3	P-KR3
5.	KN-K2	N-KB3
6.	P-B4	N-N5
7.	P-Q4	PxP
8.	NxP	P-R3
9.	P-KR3?	Q-R5ch
10.	K-K2	Q-B7ch
11.	Resigns	

Round 7
White: A.J. Fink
Black: Jim Cross
Italian Opening

1.	P-K4	P-K4
2.	N-KB3	N-QB3
3.	B-B4	B-B4
4.	P-B3	Q-K2
5.	0-0	N-B3
6.	P-Q4	B-N3
7.	R-K1	P-Q3
8.	P-QR4	P-QR3
9.	P-R5	B-R2
10.	P-R3	0-0
11.	B-K3	P-R3
12.	QN-Q2	R-K1
13.	Q-N3	N-R4
14.	P-N4	N-B3
15.	P-N5	PxNP
16.	NxNP	R-B1
17.	PxP	QNxP(K)
18.	BxB	RxB
19.	P-B4	NxB
20.	QxN	N-R4
21.	P-K5	P-Q4
22.	Q-Q4	P-QB4
23.	Q-Q3	P-KN3
24.	P-K6	NxP
25.	PxPch	QxP
26.	NxQ	NxQ
27.	N-R6ch	K-N2
28.	R-K3	N-B7
29.	N-N4	NxPch
30.	RxN	BxN
31.	R-Q3	R-Q1
32.	R-N3	B-B4
33.	N-N3	R-QB1
34.	R-K1	Drawn

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Round 2.
White: J. Cross
Black: P. Petersen
Queen's Gambit

1.	P-Q4	P-Q4
2.	P-QB4	P-K3
3.	N-QB3	P-QB3
4.	N-B3	PxP
5.	P-K4	P-QN4
6.	P-K5	B-N5
7.	B-K2	B-N2
8.	0-0	BxN
9.	PxB	N-Q2
10.	N-N5	N-K2
11.	N-K4	N-B4(K)
12.	B-N4	0-0
13.	BxN	PxB
14.	N-Q6	B-B1
15.	Q-B3	N-N3
16.	QxBP6	B-Q2
17.	Q-B3	N-R5
18.	Q-N3	K-R1
19.	R-N1	P-QR3
20.	R-K1	B-K3
21.	P-Q5	B-B1
22.	B-N5	Q-B2
23.	B-B6	PxB
24.	PxP	R-KN1
25.	QxRch	KxQ
26.	R-K8	Mate

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White; Bill Adams
Black: R. Upham
Rd. 6 Sicilian

1.	P-K4	P-QB4
2.	N-KB3	N-KB3
3.	P-K5	N-Q4
4.	P-B3	N-QB3
5.	P-Q4	PxP
6.	PxP	P-KN3
7.	Q-N3	P-K3
8.	N-B3	Q-R4
9.	B-Q2	NxN
10.	PxN	Q-B2
11.	B-Q3	B-N2
12.	P-KR4	P-KR4
13.	N-N5	P-Q4
14.	PxPe.p.	QxP
15.	R-R3	N-K2
16.	R-B3	N-B4
17.	BxN	NPxB
18.	RxP	P-B3
19.	N-K4	Q-R7
20.	NxPch	K-Q1
21.	B-N5	QxNP
22.	NxPch	K-Q2
23.	Q-N5ch	Resigns

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White: Chambers
Black: Fink
Round 1; Vienna

1.	P-K4	P-K4
2.	N-QB3	N-KB3
3.	B-B4	B-K2
4.	P-Q3	N-B3
5.	P-B4	P-Q3
6.	N-B3	0-0
7.	B-N3	PxP
8.	BxP	B-K3
9.	B-QN3	BxB
10.	RPxB	P-Q4
11.	PxP	NxP
12.	NxN	QxN
13.	Q-Q2	B-N5
14.	P-B3	KR-K1ch
15.	K-B2	B-Q3
16.	BxB	QxB
17.	KR-K1	N-K4
18.	NxN	RxN
19.	K-N1	Drawn

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White: Hendricks
Black: Martin
Rd3; Queens Gam.

1.	P-Q4	P-Q4
2.	P-QB4	N-QB3
3.	N-QB3	PxP
4.	N-B3	B-N5
5.	B-K3	P-K3
6.	Q-R4	N-B3
7.	N-K5	Q-Q3
8.	NxN	QxN
9.	QxQch	PxQ
10.	B-Q2	N-Q4
11.	P-K4	N-N3
12.	P-KR3	B-R4
13.	P-KN4	B-N3
14.	B-N2	0-0-0
15.	P-QR4	K-N2
16.	P-R5	N-B1
17.	B-K3	P-B3
18.	R-R4	P-K4
19.	RxP	PxP
20.	BxP	B-B2
21.	R-R4	B-N6
22.	B-K3	BxR
23.	NxB	B-N5ch
24.	K-K2	K-R3
25.	N-B5ch	BxN
26.	BxB	KxP
27.	R-R1ch	K-N4
28.	P-N4	K-B5
29.	B-B1	R-Q2
30.	R-R3	R-Q6
31.	RxR	N-Q3
32.	K-K3	Resigns

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Fred Miller-Paul Hubbard-Stockton

1.	P-K4	P-K4
2.	P-Q4	N-QB3
3.	N-KB3	P-Q3
4.	P-Q5	N-N1
5.	P-B4	B-K2
6.	B-K3	P-KR3
7.	Q-Q2	N-KB3
8.	B-Q3	0-0
9.	BxRP	PxB
10.	QxP	N-R2
11.	P-KR4	K-R1
12.	N-N5	BxN
13.	PxB	Resigns

Played in B.Columbia vs. Washington State Match-August 8, 1948

White:C.K.Joachim
Black:A.Helman
French Defense-Bd 1

1.P-K4	P-K3
2.P-Q4	P-Q4
3.N-QB3	B-N5
4.P-K5	P-QB4
5.Q-N4	N-K2
6.B-Q2	PxP
7.QxQP	QN-B3
8.Q-N4	N-N3
9.B-QN5	Q-R4
10.KN-K2	B-Q2
11.P-QR3	BxN
12.NxB	N(B3)xP
13.Q-K2	BxB
14.NxB	Q-Q1
15.B-N4	N-QB5
16.P-QN3	P-QR3
17.PxN	PxN
18.PxNP	Q-B3
19.0-0	N-K2
20.KR-Q1	0-0
21.QR-N1	KR-Q1
22.R-Q3	N-B4
23.QR-Q1	QR-B1
24.B-R5	R-K1
25.P-QB3	P-KR3
26.P-N4	N-Q3
27.R-B3	Q-N3
28.K-R1	R-B5

Adjudicated Draw

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White: C. F. Millar
Black: R. Neale
Reti Opening Bd.2

1.N-KB3	N-KB3
2.P-Q4	P-K3
3.P-QR3	P-QB4
4.P-K3	P-Q4
5.P-QN3	N-B3
6.B-N2	N-K5
7.B-Q3	Q-R4ch
8.P-B3	B-Q3
9.0-0	0-0
10.B-B2	P-QN4
11.PxBP	B-K2
12.P-QN4	Q-B2
13.QN-Q2	NxN
14.QxN	N-K4
15.NxN	QxN
16.P-QB4!	Q-N4
17.PxNP	R-N1
18.P-QR4	P-QR3
19.P-KB4	Q-R4
20.B-K5	R-K1
21.B-Q3	PxP
22.PxP	RxR
23.RxR	P-B3
24.B-B3	P-K4
25.B-K2	Q-B2
26.R-KB1	P-K5
27.B-Q1	K-R1
28.B-N3	R-Q1
29.P-B6	B-B1
30.B-Q4	Q-B2
31.Q-B3	R-Q3
32.B-B5	R-Q1
33.BxB	RxB
34.BxP	P-B4
35.Q-B5	R-B3
36.P-N6	Q-N1
37.P-N7	Q-B2
38.PxBQ	QxQ
39.P-N5	P-R3
40.P-N6	Resigns

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Game from Puget Sound "Open"
Tacoma, Wash.
White: C. Martin
Black: V.Holmes
Reti Opening

1.N-KB3	P-QB4
2.P-QN3	P-Q4
3.P-K3	N-QB3
4.B-N2	N-KB3
5.B-K2	P-Q5
6.0-0	P-K4
7.P-Q3	B-Q3
8.P-K4	0-0
9.QN-Q2	N-K1
10N-B4	P-B4
11.NxB	NxN
12.N-Q2	PxP
13.NxP	NxN
14.PxN	B-K3
15.B-N5	R-B1
16.P-QB3	Q-N4
17.R-K1	P-QR3
18.BxN	RxB
19.PxP	B-R6
20.P-N3	B-N5
21.Q-B1	Q-R4
22.Q-B4ch	K-R1
23.P-Q5	QxPch!
24.KxQ	R-R3ch
25.K-N1	B-B6

Resigns

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Played in Portland, Oregon. White:Hugh Noland Black: Jim Schmitt.Nimzovich

1.P-Q4	N-KB3
2.P-QB4	P-K3
3.N-QB3	B-N5
4.Q-B2	N-B3
5.N-B3	P-Q3
6.P-QR3	BxNch
7.PxB	P-K4
8.B-N5	P-KR3
9.BxN	QxB
10.P-K3	P-KN4
11.B-Q3	0-0
12.N-Q2	R-N1
13.N-K4	Q-N2
14.P-B5	P-Q4
15.N-N3	P-K5
16.B-K2	P-B4
17.P-QB4	N-K2
18.PxP	NxP
19.B-B4	P-B3
20.Q-N3	B-K3
21.N-K2	B-B2
22.P-KR4	P-N4
23.BxN	BxB
24.Q-N4	P-B5
25.RPxP	PxKP
26.PxKP	QxNP
27.R-R3	K-R2
28.Q-B3	QxNP
29.N-B4	Q-N8ch
30.K-K2	B-B5ch
31.QxB	QxR
32.RxPch	K-N2
33.R-N6ch	K-R2

Draw

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Stockton-Modesto Match. Board 1
White: H. Botker
Black: F.Hubbard
Colle Opening

1.P-Q4	P-Q4
2.N-KB3	N-QB3
3.P-K3	P-K3
4.B-Q3	B-Q3
5.0-0	N-B3
6.QN-Q2	P-QR3
7.P-QB3	0-0
8.P-K4	N-K2
9.P-K5	N-K1
10.PxB	QxP
11.N-K5	Q-N3
12.N2-B3	P-KB3
13.N-N4	P-K4
14.PxP	BxN
15.Q-B2	P-KN3
16.N-R4	PxP
17.B-K3	Q-KB3
18.P-KN3	B-R6
19.KR-K1	N-Q3
20.B-KB1	B-B4
21.NxB	N2xN
22.B-QB5	P-N3
23.BxN	QxB
24.QR-Q1	P-B3
25.B-N2	P-K5
26.P-QB4	Q-B4
27.Q-B3	N-R5
28.R-KB1	N-B6ch
29.BxN	RxB
30.Q-K5	R1-KB1
31.Q-K6ch	K-N2
32.Q-K5ch	R1-B3
33.PxP	RxP
34.Q-B7ch	R-B2
35.Q-K5ch	K-R3
36.Q-B3	RxRdch

Resigns

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Santa Barbara-Los Feliz
White: S.Cawker
Black: LeRoy Johnson
Two Knight's Defense

1.P-K4	P-K4
2.B-B4	N-KB3
3.N-KB3	N-B3
4.N-N5	P-Q4
5.PxP	N-QR4
6.B-N5ch	P-B3
7.PxP	PxP
8.B-K2	P-KR3
9.N-KB3	P-K5
10.N-K5	B-Q3
11.N-B4	NxN
12.BxN	Q-B2
13.N-B3	0-0
14.P-QN3	BxRP
15.B-N2	R-Q1
16.Q-K2	B-N5
17.Q-B1	B-B5
18.N-N1	Q-Q3
19.B-B3	P-K6!
20.P-Q3	PxPch
21.QxP	B-N6

Resigns

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San Jose vs RussianC.C.
White: F.Crofut
Black: B. Goreff
French Defense:Bd.10

1.P-K4	P-K3
2.P-Q4	P-Q4
3.N-QB3	N-KB3
4.B-KN5	B-K2
5.P-K5	KN-Q2
6.BxB	QxB
7.N-N5	Q-N5ch

8.P-B3,Q-R4;9.B-Q3, P-QR3;10.N-QR3,P-QB4; 11.N-B2,PxP;12.P-QN4, Q-N3;13.PxP,N-QB3; 14.N-B3,NxNP;15.0-0, NxB;16.QxN,P-KB3;17. Kr-K1,0-0;18.R-K3, PxP;19.NxP,NxN;20.RxN, B-Q2;21.P-QR3,Q-N7; 22.QR-K1,QR-B1;23.N-K
QxPch;24.K-R1,B-N4; White 25.Q-Q1,P-QR4;res.

WHITE TO PLAY

"The art of composing a Chess Problem can be taught to just about the same degree as any other art: That is to say, not very far."
- Brian Harley.

The truth of the above may be disastrously demonstrated by showing the following "first and only" (and probably last) MASTERPIECE composed by your problem editor in a weak moment:

(A) 8/1BB3Pp/7p/3PpK1p/6PP/3N4/3p1PRP/4RNqk/ - 2 moves

"The proof is in the pudding" and, we must confess, the "proof" didn't come nearly so painlessly as we had been led to expect. Altogether about fifty positions were tried, and the same fifty were cruelly torn to pieces by our good friend Mr. Alan Kelly of Santa Rosa, who spared neither feelings nor minced words. We must admit that Mr. Kelly was right: The problem is unlikely to win an International Contest.

It finally happened. An unsolvable problem sneaked in. In #21 the PAWNS on K7 and K2 should be WHITE, not Black. Believeus, this was an accident. "No solution" problems will never, never, never be included deliberately. We, too, detest them. Apologies to all, and ten points to claimers.

SOLUTIONS: A. P-QB4; PxP e.p. to four (4) Black replies.
B. P-KB8 (-N) four different White Knight promotions to four Black Knight moves.

#13. Q-KB1; #14. QxP(Q2); #15. P-Q7; #16. Q-K3; #17. K-K7; #18. B-K8; #19. Q-Q2; #20. P-B8(-N); #21. N-KN7; #22. B-Q1; #23. B-Q7.

This month's problems:

24.	8/1dlP5/2K5/8/8/8/8/8/ - 2 moves.	by C. Tomlinson
25.	8/5P1k/2R5/3B4/8/8/8/K7- 2 moves.	by C. Tomlinson
26.	1Kn5/3pp3/7B/R1QBk3/8/8/8/8/-2 moves.	by G. Hume
27.	8/8/8/8/8/8/1nKBkpQ/8/ - 2 moves	by B. Giobel
28.	1r2b3/8/8/R7/Pk2N3/rP1P4/1P1N4/3KB3 - 2 moves	by B. G. Laws
29.	7K/8/B4p2/8/3pk1p1/1Q4P1/5P2/8/-2 moves	

Problem #29 is the last of the first quarterly contest. Winners and scores will be published in an early issue.

Please send in solutions - by October 30th, 1948 to P. O. Box 124, Santa Rosa, California. Greetings and best of luck from your Problem Editor:
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FLASH NEWS!

(TACOMA CHESS CLUB by Ray Hiscox (Washington)) The Tacoma Chess Club elected officers at the regular meeting of the club. Vernon Holmes was re-elected President. Ray Hiscox was elected Secretary and Robert Avann, Treasurer. R. Collins is the new Club Tournament Director. Leslie Coubrough was chosen as Team Captain and director of Puget Sound League play. Carol Crain was elected Official Instructor. Carol Crain, in his capacity of instructor, will give a series of talks on "openings" starting with the meeting on October 1st.

The Tacoma Club won by default in the first round of Puget Sound League play. Having journeyed to Seattle for the scheduled match, they found no opponents. The Skagit Club team, whom they defeated 10-0 last year, failed to show up. The Puget Sound Chess League is now composed of ten teams, the Bellingham, Washington club being the latest entry.

(BAY AREA CHESS LEAGUE by Guthrie McClain) At a meeting in San Francisco, it was decided that the "A" division (6 clubs) will start Oct. 23rd. "B" division (11 clubs on October 16th. Guthrie McClain was appointed Tournament Director. More details later.

PACIFIC COAST ACTIVITIES

(REDWOOD EMPIRECHESS LEAGUE by Alan Kelly, Santa Rosa) On Sept. 17th, a meeting of this League was held in Petaluma. Representatives of all clubs were present. CALIFORNIA CHESS NEWS was adopted as the official organ of this League. The following is a schedule of the interclub championship:

Oct. 8	Santa Rosa	vs.	San Rafael	
Oct. 8	Petaluma	vs.	Vallejo	
Nov.12	Petaluma	vs.	Santa Rosa	
Nov.16	San Rafael	vs.	Vallejo	
Dec.10	Vallejo	vs.	Santa Rosa	
Dec.14	San Rafael	vs.	Petaluma	
Jan.14	Vallejo	vs.	Petaluma	(1949)
Jan.18	San Rafael	vs.	Santa Rosa	
Feb.11	Santa Rosa	vs.	Petaluma	
Feb.11	Vallejo	vs.	San Rafael	
Mar.11	Petaluma	vs.	San Rafael	
Mar.11	Santa Rosa	vs.	Vallejo	

The first named club is the host club.

(MODESTO CHESS CLUB by Herb Betker) Our club hasn't been doing much during the summer although our attendance has been better than we expected. We have been meeting twice a month for social play in one of the city parks Sunday afternoon. We have two new members in the club. Under our by-laws, all members of the family of a club member enjoy membership privileges. So under that ruling Miss Nova McClusky became a member, when she became the bride of Leonard Krogness. Herb Betker did his part when he became the father of another baby girl July 21st. Friends of Lee Kerfoot, Modesto Club secretary, will be sorry to hear of the death of his wife in an automobile accident near Klamath Falls, Oregon. Lee, his wife, and daughter Genevieve, were on vacation when their car went out of control and struck a tree. Lee himself was not injured but his wife was killed and his daughter badly injured.

(BERKELEY CHESS CLUB by Harry B. Corlett) On September 2 we elected officers for the coming year as follows: Pres. J. J. Cathers; 1st V.Pres. Jerome Yaffe; 2nd V.Pres. Leonard Ralston; Sec-Treas. Mrs. Clara C. Hurt. Chairman of Chess activities: H.L.Thackwell, 1035 Euclid. Ave., Berkeley. Mr. Thackwell would like to hear from any neighboring clubs who would like to arrange a match. I am the retiring president.

(TRONA CHESS CLUB by G.M.DeYarmon) Here is the report on a chess match played at Trona, between the Trona C.C. and the NOTS C.C. China Lake. Trona won with a score of 6-4:

Trona		NOTS	
1. G.M.DeYarmon	0	Dr. Bujes	1
2. C. L. Pratt	1	T. J. Mazanti	0
3. Les Schuster	0	W. C. Michaels	1
4. L. Rockdale	1	G.N.Wiltamuth	0
5. G. Mouri	1	C. D. Swanson	0
6. R. L. Clasen	1	T.C.Parker,Jr.	0
7. W. L.Reardon	1	Dr.J.Wiegand	0
8. L. Schmitt	0	T.C.Parker,Sr.	1
9. Tom Jordon	0	H.F.Barret	1
10. George Adams	1	E.James	0
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(PORTLAND CHESS CLUB (Oregon) by Jim Schmitt) The 1948 Oregon Open Championship was held in the club rooms, suite 305 Kraemer Bldg.;206 S.W.Washington, over Labor Day weekend. Chessmaster Arthur Dake emerged victorious with a clean score after six rounds of the Swiss system event. Mr.T. Frewen acted as tournament director.

1948 Oregon Open

1.A. Dake	6-0	6.M.Skarsten	3-3
2. J.Schmitt	4½-1½	7.S.Fendrich	2-4
3.G.Reddington	4-2	8.M.Goodman	2-4
4.H. Noland	3½-2½	9.J.VanHouten	1-5
5.G.Swift,Jr.	3-3	10.A.Chapman	0-6

1948 Club Championship

1.J.Schmitt	11-1	5.T.Frewen	5½-6½
2.G.Bills	8½-3½	6.S.Lyman	2-10
3.F.Aiken	6½-5½	7.E.Cannon	2-10
4.C.DeGraff	6½-5½		

(SANTA ROSA CHESS CLUB by John Boschen) The 1948 Club Championship ended as follows: George Koltanowski 9 (out of 9); Judge B.Jenkines 7½ (Club Champion); Gordon Olson 6½; Glen Watson 6; John Boschen and Walt Sherman 4 each; Alan Kelly 3½; Sherman Walker 2; Mrs. J. Somerville 1½; A. Howe 1. Division B was won by Roland Goudswaard and A. Sokol was second.

(SACRAMENTO CHESS CLUB by J.B.Gee) Our chess club will start its meetings on Oct.6th with our annual dinner. We have just issued our 1948 Tournament Book. Any club may secure a free copy of this booklet by writing to J.B.Gee, 5425-8th Avenue, Sacramento 17, Calif.

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Oct. 6	Los Feliz C.C. Los Angeles
Oct. 8	Santa Monica, Calif.
Oct. 11	Orange, Calif.
Oct. 13	Pomona, Calif.
Oct. 15	San Diego, Calif.
Oct. 16	San Bernardino, Calif.
Oct. 17	Fresno, Calif.
Oct.18	Modesto, Calif.
Oct. 19	Stockton, Calif.
Oct. 20	Sacramento, Calif.
Nov. 3	Hayward, Calif.

For results and games of tour, see Special Supplement which will be published.
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NEWS FLASHES!

(RUSSIAN CHESS CLUB, S.Francisco by P. Prokoodin) A rapid transit tournament was won by V. Pafnutieff 10½. Runner-up was C. Svalberg 10. Earl Pruner 9½. H. Donnelly and Maxwell 8 each. Branton and Bendit 7½ each. Schirovsky 7. Watson and Goreff 5 each. Salatko 4. Avtonomiff, Radaikin, and Noske 3 each. The first four players received prizes. Our club is going to hold its championship using the Swiss System.

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